

Minutes

APEEE Board Meeting of 22 January 2019

Participants: BEHRENDT Monika (Sec.PL); BOBIS Marek (GA elected); BONVISSUTO Irene (Sec.IT); BOULANGER Carine (substitute Sec.FR); DE WOOT DE TRIXHE André (Sec.FR); DE YTURRIAGA SALDANHA Maria Victoria (substitute Sec.ES); EHRENSTEIN Henning (GA elected); GLOWACKA-ROCHEBONNE Katarzyna (substitute Prim.PL); GRAY Brian (Sec.DA); GUITART Marc (Sec.ES); HAMMER Anne Marie (GA elected); HUNDEBOLL Karin (Prim.DA, APEEE VP); KAJTAR Nora (substitute Prim.HU); LANZA SAIZ Eduardo (Maternelle); LEGRAND Nadia (substitute Sec.FR); MARTINEZ TUREGANO Alejandro (Prim.ES); MÁTHÉ Kathryn (Sec.EN, APEEE President); MILEVA Kremena (substitute Maternelle); MOLES PALLEJA Pere (GA elected); OSTROVSKIS Gundars (GA elected); PÁLVÖLGYI Balázs (Prim.HU); PAPA Valentina (Prim.EN); SAVOIA-KELETI Emese (substitute Sec.HU); VOLKERS Line Fredslund (substitute Sec.DA).

Non-Board members present: BOATI Talia Adria (CE Sec.IT), CHAITKIN Samantha (CE Prim.IT), KRIASZTER Emese (substitute CE Prim.HU), ROMETSCH Dietrich (CE Sec.DE), WOODWARD Stephen (CE Prim.EN).

Introduction by the President: Anne Marie Hammer approved as Vice President for Administration by written procedure. The APEEE coordinator, Esther Proficz, is on sick leave until 1 February. The APEEE communication officer, Guendalina Cominotti, is temporarily covering the tasks of the APEEE coordinator.

1. Adoption of the agenda.

The agenda was adopted with two changes: 1) postponement of agenda item 3 to the next meeting at the request of the APEEE Services President and 2) inclusion of "change of INTERPARENTS representation rules" under AOB at the request of Pere Moles-Palleja.

2. Approval of draft minutes of the CA meeting on 29 November 2019.

The minutes were approved. It was agreed that we would find a way to include a list of "Non-board members present" on future minutes.

Points for decision:

3. Convention between the School and APEEE Services (proposal from the President to mandate the Legal working group to examine and give recommendations to the APEEE).
Postponed to the next meeting as agreed under "adoption of the agenda".

4. Mobile Phone School Policy (proposal for an APEEE position paper prepared by the Well-Being working group).

The Board approved (15 votes in favour, 0 against, 2 abstentions) the proposed APEEE position paper with one change allowing students to use their phone/camera for issues of general interest, e.g. filming a racist attack. The school should also be encouraged to seek professional help in making the policy. The position paper will be sent to the school management and presented in the Education Councils. The Well-Being working group will

consider information/awareness sessions for students/parents on the risks of screen addiction/cyberbullying etc.

The final version of the position paper is attached in Annex 1.

(A presentation was given related to point 7c due to the arrival of guest presenter. The discussion on funding 7a-c was brought forward as a result.)

5. Addiction Prevention School Policy (proposal for an APEEE position paper prepared by the Well-Being and Legal working groups).

The Board approved (15 votes in favour, 0 against, 2 abstentions) the proposed APEEE position paper, which will be sent to the school management and presented at the Education Council for Secondary.

The position paper is attached in Annex 2.

6. Renewal of mandates for APEEE working groups.

The Board approved the proposed mandates of the Well-Being (16 votes in favour, 0 votes against, 0 abstain), Community Building (16 votes in favour, 0 votes against, 0 abstain) and Legal (17 votes in favour, 0 votes against, 0 abstain) working groups with unanimity. The working groups act within the agreed mandate and within specific APEEE positions decided by the Board (or General Assembly) and they can propose new positions to be decided by the Board; working groups should not propose substantial changes in the existing rules/practices without a clear mandate from the board. The working groups are expected to report back to the Board on their activities at least twice a year.

The approved mandates are attached in Annex 3.

7. Received funding requests

a) Eurosport uniforms

The Board approved (6 votes in favour, 3 votes against, 8 abstentions)¹ APEEE funding of 1.600 EUR to buy aqua-athlon uniforms and to replace shortages of uniforms for other sporting events to the EEB1 Eurosport team. The uniforms will belong to the school for future use by other students. The President noted that the APEEE should get some feedback after the Eurosport event from participating students and teachers.

b) Well-being projects

The Board did not find the presented projects ripe for decision. The Well-Being working group was invited to prioritize the project proposals and clarify respective target audiences, costs, possible co-financing by the school and/or the parents of the participating students as well as received feedback from previous year(s) in cases of recurrent projects. There was a request that we confront Data Protection (e.g. Data DETOX) through the Well-Being group.

c) Plant Kingdom

¹ In absence of any known rules of procedure, abstaining votes were counted as "no votes" for the purposes of this meeting. As the procedure was felt to be unclear it was changed from the 21 March 2019 meeting.

The Board approved (8 votes in favour, 7 against, 5 abstentions)² APEEE co-funding of 2.000 EUR to a pilot programme to be run with 5 class groups for S1 Italian and French and S2 Polish classes on the condition that the school would co-fund the project with the same amount. Some Board members felt uneasy about using APEEE money to pay for class projects during school hours; they found it more appropriate for such projects to be funded by the school and possibly the parents of the participating students.

8. New marking scale: German equivalence table.

The Board approved (15 votes in favour, 0 against, 2 abstentions) a proposal from the German section for a statement to be read out at the next EEB1 Administrative Board. We should use Article 5 of the Convention in our support of this. It was noted that the concerns about unfair national equivalence tables might apply to other sections too.

The statement from the German section is attached in Annex 4.

Points for information:

9. Extraordinary General Assembly results – amended APEEE Statutes.

The Board welcomed the approval of the amended APEEE Statutes at the Extraordinary General Assembly held earlier the same evening. The amended Statutes ensures formal representation (voting rights) of Berkendael and SWALS parents in the APEEE Board. *[Following a required publication in "Moniteur Belge", the amended Statutes are expected to enter into force from the start of the next school year. SWALS parents will be represented by 1 Board member and Berkendael parents will be represented by 5 Board members, hereof 1 Vice President for Berkendael issues to be part of the APEEE Bureau.]*

10. Future of the Brussels schools/Arts-Loi update.

The President referred to the oral presentation at the Extraordinary General Assembly held earlier the same evening.

11. Status on decided APEEE funding.

The President informed that the APEEE at the time of the Dec GA had approximately 43.000 EUR in discretionary funds for new projects/initiatives. Since then the following funding requests had been approved by the Board: Francis Pirotta Art project (600 EUR), Lego Mindstorm (3.000 EUR on condition that the school co-funds and signs an agreement on future use of equipment), legal advice on the Arts-Loi site (2.000 EUR), Hungarian anti-drugs programme (600 EUR), Values project (300 EUR). This leaves around 36.000 EUR for new projects (possibly 39.000 EUR if the School does not sign an agreement on the use of Lego Mindstorm equipment). The APEEE is using money raised during previous school parties. There is no school party in this school year, so the next opportunity to raise significant funds will be in the 2019-2020 school year. A request from the Students' Committee for APEEE co-funding of 15.000 EUR to cover the football court in the middle of the school with artificial grass is in the pipeline. Significant co-funding by the School and the Students' Committee is foreseen. It will be a one-off cost for the APEEE since the School will be responsible for the maintenance. The APEEE is currently experiencing high demand for APEEE funding, but few ideas on how to raise the needed money.

2 To interpret voting results, read note above.

12. Written reports from meetings attended by APEEE representatives.

Written reports on the following meetings were circulated to Board members prior to the meeting:

- a) Meeting with the school management on data protection (7 Dec)
- b) Meeting on working methods in School Councils (11 Dec)
- c) Meeting with the Local Staff Committee (9 Jan)
- d) Meeting with Commissioner Oettinger (10 Jan)
- e) Meeting of the School Advisory Council (15 January)

13. Results of written procedures since the last Board meeting on 29 Nov.

We have a new VP of Administration and several appointments to represent APEEE on various bodies. A document on the results of written procedures since the last Board meeting was circulated to Board members prior to the meeting.

The document is attached in Annex 5.

14. AOB.

Proposal to modify INTERPARENTS representation rules:

Pere Moles-Palleja informed that modifications are needed to update rules to fit changes in the formal structures and to better reflect actual practice. A proposal to change the rules must be presented by an APEEE to INTERPARENTS before the details can be discussed in INTERPARENTS. The timing is short because the rule change must wait six weeks to become formal and it would be preferable if it could be in place before the Board of Governors Meeting in April 2019. A written procedure for Board decision will soon be launched.

Attachments to the minutes:

Annex 1: APEEE position on Mobile Phone School Policy

Annex 2: APEEE position on Addiction Prevention School Policy

Annex 3: Mandates of APEEE working groups (Legal, Community Building, Well-Being)

Annex 4: Statement on the new marking scale and the German equivalence table

Annex 5: Results of written procedures since the last Board meeting (29 Nov 2018)